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TAGS: PORC, EAIR, ICAO, PO

SUBJ: PORTUGUESE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' STRIKE

REF: A. STATE 202857

B. LISBON 4929

1. PURSUANT FAA TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE USREP REQUESTED
PRESIDENT COUNCIL TO DIRECT LETTER TO US/UK/CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES ASKING THEM TO COOPERATE IN ARRIVING AT CONTINGENCY PLAN IN VIEW OF REACTIVATION OF STRIKE CALL IN AZORES. PRESIDENT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY TO HIS CABLE OF AUGUST 26.

2. ALTHOUGH STRIKE CANCELLED FOR NOW UKREP RECOMMENDING TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THREE-WAY COORDINATION TAKE PLACE AND BEGIN TO PREPARE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND DRAFT NOTAM IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE REOCCURENCE. FYI: UKREP HAD RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION FROM HIS DELEGATION NOW ATTENDING THE RGCS PANEL WHICH INDICATES THAT SITUATION IS VERY MUCH A POLITICAL ONE IN THAT THE SANTA MARIA CONTROLLERS ARE COMMUNISTS IN AN OTHERWISE NON-COMMUNIST POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THAT IF AZORES SHOULD ATTEMPT SOME KIND OF POLITICAL AUTONOMY,
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COMMUNIST CONTROLLERS GROUP WOULD BE POLITICALLY OPPOSED AND

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN. USREP WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER UKREP WAS AWARE OF UK CONTROLLERS' POSTURE AS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL A. END FYI.

3. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE PROBABILITY THAT THE CONTROLLERS IN THE AZORES PROVIDING AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES FOR THE SANTA MARIA OCEANIC FIR WOULD GO ON STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 1975. AS SOON AS I HEARD OF THIS POSSIBILITY, I CABLED PORTUGAL ASKING THAT ICAO BE INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

"SO FAR, I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY FROM PORTUGAL BUT, WHEN THE PRESENT LETTER WAS ALREADY BEING PREPARED, YOU KINDLY INFORMED ME THAT LISBON HAS ISSUED A NOTAM STATING THAT THE STRIKE IS OFF.

"HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS MAY CHANGE THE SITUATION, I WOULD URGE YOU TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, MAKES ALL POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR OPERATIONS.

"I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT ICAO IS KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. END QUOTE.
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